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1. GOVERNMENT-GUIDED "MATUTINO" OF JULY 15 CARRIED THE
TEXT OF A LETTER TO BREZHNEV PROTESTING TRIALS OF JEWISH
DISSIDENTS IN THE SOVIET UNION. THE LETTER IS SIGNED BY
25 PROMINENT PANAMANIAN, INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES OF
THE GOVERNMENT, THE PRESS, AND OPPOSITION POLITICAL
PARTIES. A TRANSLATION OF THE TEXT OF THE ARTICLE FOLLOWS.

2. BEGIN QUOTE:

PROMINENT PERSONALITIES OF PANAMA HAVE SENT
MR. LEONIDAS BREZHNEV A LETTER OF PROTEST AGAINST THE
STRANGE AND TRICKY PROCEEDINGS MADE AGAINST SOVIET JEWS
FOR ASKING FOR PERMISSION TO GO TO ISRAEL. EVEN THOUGH
TWO HAVE ALREADY BEEN CONDEMNED, IT IS STILL POSSIBLE TO
SAVE THEM.

COPY OF THE LETTER IS PRESENTED BELOW:
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HIS EXCELLENCY
MR. LEONIDAS BREZHNEV
PRESIDENT OF THE U.S.S.R.
MOSCOW

YOUR EXCELLENCY:

WITH A SENSE OF ASTONISHMENT AND DISGUST, WE BECAME
AWARE OF THE TRICKY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST MESSRS. ORLOV,
SHARANSKY, AND GINSBURG.

THE SOVIET UNION CAME TO LIFE AMONG NATIONS UNDER
THE PRESSURE OF A REVOLUTION, WHICH AMONG OTHER HOPES,
PROMISED TO ERADICATE THE INJUSTICES WHICH OPPRESSED
HUMANITY AND TO SUBSTITUTE SAME FOR A MORE JUST AND
EQUITABLE SOCIAL ORDER.

SINCE THEN THE MATERIAL PROGRESS REACHED BY THE GREAT
RUSSIAN COUNTRY HAS BEEN AMAZING; BUT, LIKEWISE, THE LEVEL
OF TYRANNY USED BY THOSE IN THE NAME OF THE PROLETARIAT
DICTATORSHIP IS HORRIFYING AND CONFUSING.

DUE TO THIS POLICY OF DESPOTIC ENCIRCLEMENT, PERHAPS
THE RULERS ARE NOT ABLE TO PERCEIVE THE IMAGE OF
OPPROBRIUM WHICH THE U.S.S.R. PROJECTS BEFORE THE
CONSCIENCE OF THE CIVILIZED WORLD.

BECAUSE OF THIS, FOR THAT WHICH THEY COULD DO AND DO
NOT DO IN FAVOR OF THE REAL LIBERATING FORCES OF THE HUMAN
BEING, THE FALSE JUDGMENTS AND PUNISHMENTS AGAINST ORLOV,
SHARANSKY, AND GINSBURG, BECOME MORE EXECRABLE. THIS IS
ALSO THE REASON WHY WE JOIN OUR VOICE IN THE CLAMOR OF
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PROTEST FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD, AWAKENED BY THE
VIOLATION AGAINST THE DIGNITY AND RIGHTS OF CITIZENS,
WHOSE ONLY CRIME WAS TO MANIFEST THEIR INTENTION TO
TRANSFER PEACEFULLY TO LIVE IN THE STATE OF ISRAEL. END
QUOTE. JORDEN

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